

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

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The following new heading has been added at line 5:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The subheading at line 6 has been amended as follows:

~~Technical field~~Field of the Invention

The subheading at line 13 has been amended as follows:

~~Prior art~~Description of the Related Art

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The following new heading has been added at line 18:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The subheading at line 19 has been deleted, as follows:

~~Description of the invention~~

The paragraph at lines 21-24 has been amended as follows:

The object of the invention is to ~~specify~~provide a device which is associated with the technical field mentioned in the introduction and which is user-friendly and flexible.

The paragraph at lines 26-29 has been amended as follows:

~~The solution to the object is defined by the features of claim 1.~~ According to one aspect of the invention, the device comprises an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the paper stop in relation to the holder.

Pages 3-4

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 31 and ending on page 4, line 4 has been amended as follows:

An adjustable paper stop allows a high level of flexibility in respect of optional adjustability of the position between the stapling and the sheet border, in particular of the distance and the angle between the two. At the same time, it is no longer necessary, once the paper stop has been adjusted, for the user to check, during each stapling operation, that the paper has been positioned correctly, i.e., for example, whether the correct positioning mark has been used. The adjusting mechanism may allow a linear adjustment, ~~e.g. by e.g.,~~ by virtue of a groove and a rail guided therein, a rotation about an axis or both possibilities.

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The paragraph at lines 6-25 has been amended as follows:

Latching elements are advantageously arranged on the angular part such that the angle between the stapling and the sheet border can be latched in at 0°, 45° and 90°. The customary staplings can be produced using these latching positions. An angle of 0°

relative to the longitudinal-side sheet border, ~~i.e. the~~ i.e., the staple being arranged parallel to the sheet border, is recommended if the sheets, as in the case of a book, are to be turned over via their longitudinal side. The rear side of the previous sheet can thus be read or viewed easily. An angle of 45° makes it possible, within certain limits, for sheets to be turned over both via the longitudinal side and via the transverse side, which is useful in the case of documents which contain pages both in landscape format and in portrait format. An angle of 90° in relation to the longitudinal side, that is to say parallel to the transverse side is advantageous when the pages, as in the case of a calendar, are to be turned over via the transverse side.

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The paragraph at lines 7-10 has been amended as follows:

As an alternative, the stop components may be configured to the entirely flat form, ~~e.g. as~~ e.g., as plastic plates, the paper stacks which are to be guided butting against the vertically upright main surface thereof.

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The following new heading has been added at line 1:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The subheading at line 2 has been deleted.

The following new heading has been added at line 28:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The subheading at line 29 has been deleted.

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The paragraph at lines 2-19 has been amended as follows:

The holder 101 is of a very flat configuration, with the result that the height of the stapler 200 is only raised to an insignificant extent by the positioning device 100 when fitted. The user-friendliness of the stapler 200 thus remains intact. The holder 101, in addition, has two circular openings 107, 108 along its center axis 109. The front opening 107 serves for accommodating a screw or a rivet, on ~~which the~~which a fastening arm 113 of ~~the~~the 113 of a positioning angle 111 is fastened in a rotatable manner. It is positioned approximately beneath the anvil 208 of the stapler 200. The rear opening 108 accommodates a resilient pressure-exerting component 110. It is spaced apart from the front opening 107 by a distance which corresponds precisely to the radius of the circle-segment-like positioning angle 111, and thus ends up located precisely centrally, in the radial direction, on the circle segment.

The paragraph at lines 21-33 has been amended as follows:

Figure 7 shows a plan view of the positioning angle 111. The latter comprises an angular part 112 which is essentially in the form of a flat ring segment of approximately 225°.

Arranged along the angle bisector of the angular part ~~112 is a~~112 is the fastening arm 113 which extends radially beyond the center point of the ring. The thickness of the angular part 112 and fastening arm 113 corresponds approximately to the thickness of the holder 101. The fastening arm 113 has an opening 114 at the center point of the ring. A screw or rivet engages through this opening, with the result that the positioning angle 111 can be fastened in a rotatable manner on the front opening 107 of the holder 101.